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HAVE YOU JOINED?

1,000 NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO RED CROSS FIRST DAY

"A FLAG IN EVERY HOME"

Solicitors Are Doing Their Work Voluntarily — Have Your $1.00 Ready When They Call

Have you joined the Red Cross?
Are you wearing the button?
Is your flag in the window?

Better do it today while you think of it, for the big Christmas membership campaign is in full swing with over 1,000 new members reported for the first twenty-four hours.

County Manager Fred P. Robinson said that only partial reports had been received this morning, but that workers all over the county were having good success and few were being turned down. It is urged that those who become members wear the lapel button showing membership in the Red Cross and that the service flags be placed in the windows at once.

A Red Cross pin and transparent service flag is given every member. The service flags are to be hung in the window of the homes as soon as they are obtained. When the membership ends at 7:30 o'clock on the night of December 24 every home where a service flag is hanging in the window is expected to light a candle and place it behind the transparent Red Cross flag, making a total of 15,000,000 candles burning Christmas eve night, throwing the Red Cross plainly in the window.

Promptly at 7:30 o'clock, when the candles are to be lighted, arrangements will have been made for the bell in every church to begin ringing and chorus organized in every city and township in the United States will parade the streets singing Christmas and Red Cross carols, all to "Let the boys at the front know you care."

Things to Remember.

Said Manager Robinson this morning: "I would like to impress upon the people two things: One is that only those memberships which are being secured in the present drive will count in our quota. New memberships and renewals count, but must be given now. The other is that everyone be ready for the workers when they come to the houses or the stores. Let everyone have his mind made up as to what to do. We would like to have every man, woman and child in Nodaway county a member of the Red Cross. The solicitors are doing their work voluntarily and they are thrown much behind when they are told to come back in a few days for their money. If a person is not at home the money should be left with some member of the family, with the name, so the membership can be recorded properly. The Christmas membership is $1.00. Lawyers, doctors and other professional men who are to be out of their offices are asked to leave their dollar with the office girl or stenographer so it can be secured when the solicitor appears. These are little things in which the volunteer workers can be helped greatly."

Big Wheat Acreage Planted.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 19.—More winter wheat has been planted this fall than ever before in the history of the nation acording to a report issued by the Department of Agriculture this afternoon. It should result in a production of a crop next year of 540 million bushels.

H.S. BASKETERS ARE CHOSEN

Seventeen in the Squad That Have Started Active Practice—Egley Captain of Winning Team

Seventeen men have been chosen to begin active practice on the basket ball squad at the High School. They are: Robinson, Yehle, Puckett, DeArmond, Egley, French, Pickens, King, Farmer, Price, Kirby, Allen, Hagans, Houchins, Hughes, Pierpont, and Penisten. The number will be reduced by five next week.

In choosing the men Coach Schultz says he expects to give every fellow a chance to make the team and if he has the stuff in him he will be there.

The members of the squad were chosen from four tournament teams who have been competing for the championship o fthe high school, with Loren Egley captain of the winning team.

A Christmas Peace Note.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—The Kaiser is preparing to send a message o the vatican at Christmas offering to enter into peace negotiations with the Allies, according to information received from Berlin.

29 SERVICE STARS

JEFFERSON SCHOOL HAS RECORD SERVICE FLAG

IT WAS MADE BY PUPILS

Boys Now In Service, Former Members of the School, Were All Pupils of Miss Ada Albert

There are records and records, but it has remained for the Jefferson school to surpass all records for service stars on a new service flag just now completed by the pupils in room three. Twenty-nine stars, one for each boy who has been a pupil of the school, adorns the emblem. The flag is ingeniously made of paper, as are also the stars, and was made at the direction of Miss Ada Albert, principal. It occupies an honored place on the wall in the hallway.

Of the twenty-nine boys who are now in the service, each one has at some time been a pupil at the Jefferson school and of Miss Albert, many of them having passed through all of the grades, completing the work at that building. Of the number six are now in France, two are commissioned officers and several are non-coms.

Frank McDougal, who enlisted last spring in the army, Charley Kane, who is in the ambulance corps, Harry Allen and Bryan Sells in the regular army, and Harry and Ernest Reynolds of the Marine Corps are in France. The others in the service are: Licutenant George Iorance Toel, Cecil Smith, Charley Kinder, Carl and James Fisher, Herschel Conklin, Claude Middleton, Carl Kissinger, Harry Cain, Dave Seckington, Frank David, Homer Dragoo, Ernest Alexander, Will Herron, Gilbert Kinder, Rex Collins, Henry Reynolds, Roy Kegin, Francis Kegin, Lieutenant Orlo Quinn, Charley Jackson, Jennings Jackson and Lester Holliday.

Charges Son with Murder.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Montrose, Calif., Dec. 19.— A statewide search has been launched for John Bush, a farmer, following the discovery of human bones in his yard. His eighty year old mother says that Bush decapitated his seven year old son and chopped his body to pieces with an ax. Portions of the body of the child, she says, were placed in a boiler and made into soft soap.

MARRIED 50 YEARS

CAPTAIN AND MRS. CHAS. HYSLOP CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

HAD SURPRISE DINNER

Well Known Couple, for 43 Years Residents of Maryville, Have Been Active in Church and Civic Life

Friends of Captain and Mrs. Chas. Hyslop of this city, who gathered at a 7 o'clock dinner last night at the Hotel Bainum, "just to meet informally a few old friends," were completely surprised by the discovery that the occasion was the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of the host and hostess.

Ostensibly the dinner was given in honor of the official board of the First Baptist church, of which Mr. Hyslop have for forty-three years been active and faithful members.

The real purpose of the banquet, however, was a well kept secret and not until the guests were seated at the table was there any indication that the affair was any other than that indicated by the invitations. The secret was cleverly revealed by the place cards, which proved to be announcements of the anniversary.

Poinsettias added a touch of Christmas spirit to the decorations of the banquet table, with favors of pink and red carnations.

The guest list included members of the official board of the First Baptist church and representatives of the press. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Baird, Omaha, Nebr.; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baird of Carthage, Ill., brothers of Capt. Hyslop. Rev. Thos. H. Wiles acted as toastmaster of the after-dinner ceremonies.

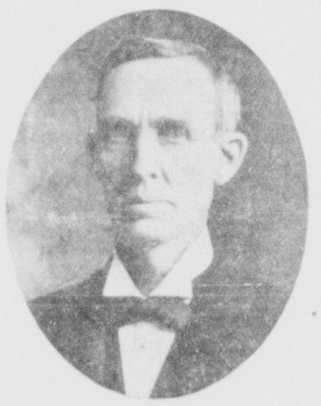
Invitations were issued to the following: Rev. and Mrs. Thos. H. Wiles, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. William Burris, Mr and Mrs. G. B. Holmes, Rev and Mrs. T. J. Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ogden, Dr. and Mrs. K. R Malotte, Mr and Mrs. R. B. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hull, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gann, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. White, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Everhart, Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Tebow, Mrs. Anderson Craig, Mrs. C. H. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hull, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van Cleve, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Van Cleve.

Captain and Mrs. Hyslop, the latter being Miss Delia M. Mann, were married at Carthage, Ill., December 18, 1867, by Rev. Wm. Knight. They remained in the Hoosier state until 1874 when they removed to Maryville, where they have since resided. Both have been life-long members of the Baptist church, Captain Hyslop holding the office of church clerk and chairman of the official board, while Mrs. Hyslop, besides being a charter member of the Ladies' Aid Society, is active in all the affairs of the church, and for the welfare of the community.

Capt. Hyslop has also borne his share of civic burdens and has always interested himself in everything that was for the good of the town and county. Capt. and Mrs. Hyslop's many friends join in wishing them "many happy returns," with the best that life has to offer.

Silverware Gifts at Holmes Jewelry Company.

FOR SALE AT ONCE—8 room residence, modern and in good repair. A large lot, 86x132 feet. Inquire 303 West First street. Mrs. R. G. Sanders.



CAPT. CHAS. HYSLOP

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SCOUT

The Boys Will Demonstrate a Part of the Work When Picture Is Shown Tomorrow Night

Members of the Boy Scouts, in addition to presenting a big feature film tomorrow night at the Christian church in which the story of the Scout movement is told, will give a brief demonstration between reels of some of the Scout work and what it means to be a Scout.

The Scouts hope to interest the parents of boys over twelve years of age in becoming members of this rapidly growing organization that has for its object the training of boys for future useful citizens. With the war has come a variety of activities in which they have proven most useful aids of the government and there is large demand for their services by government officials who realize the value of efficient trained workers.

The picture, "The Knights of the Square Table," will prove interesting and entertaining to old and young alike. As an added feature, a reel, a large release by permission of the government, will be shown, "How our Big Guns are Made."

DRAFT MEN ENLIST

MURRAY WELLING, JUNE BLAGG AND ED McCLEAVE TO FLORIDA

IN THE QTR. M'STRS. DEPT

There Are Still Openings in Some Branches of the Service for Men Who Can Qualify

There are still some branches of the army and navy in which men are sought and in these enlistments are being made. Among the volunteers from Nodaway county are Murray, Welling, June Blagg and Ed McCleave of Barnard,

In the case of Welling who is scheduled for the last quota, there were several men to spare over the number and his enlistment was accepted. Blagg went to the recruiting office in Kansas City and owing to the large number of applicants who applied just as the time limit expired, he was unable to get it and returned home. The enlistments were made at the local draft board offices, the board being a recognized recruiting agency. The trio expect to leave at once for Jacksonville, Fla., where they will enter the quartermaster's department. According to the local board there are still vacancies in several departments and the lists are still open for men who wish to join and who ar enot in the same quota that is awaiting orders to go.

Questionnaires have been going out at the rate of ninety each day for four days, and answers are beginning to be returned to the offices of the board for filing and classification. The registrant has seven days from the time the questionnaire is received before making return to the board. It will take until about January 15 or 20 to complete the mailing, as the regulation requires but a certain number to be mailed each day.

FUNERAL OF I. B. TRULLINGER

Former Maryville Resident Survived by Three Children — Burial at St. Joseph

Funeral services for Isaac B. Trullinger, who was found dead at the Columbia House at 1002 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, last Sunday afternoon, were held at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at H. O. Sidenladens' undertaking parlors. Burial was in the W. O. W. cemetery at St. Joseph.

Mr. Trullinger's death was due to heart failure. He was well known in Maryville, having spent the greater part of his life here. He is survived by three children, Mrs. J. J. Allison of Davenport, Ia., Paul G. and Laura May Trullinger of St. Joseph, eight brothers, one sister and his father also survive him. His sister, Mrs. C. L. Evans, and three brothers, Henry, Marion and Joel Trullinger, all live at Maryville.

Find Big Dynamite Cache.

Lawton, Okla., Dec. 19.—What was declared to be enough dynamite to blow Lawton off the map is in the hands of agents of the department of justice and Harry Casey is under arrest. The dynamite was excavated in Casey's back year. He is said to be an I. W. W. leader.

ORATORIO RECITAL

THE COMMUNITY SINGING CLUB PLEASES IN FIRST PROGRAM

PLENTY OF FINE TALENT

Chorus Composed Largely of Untrained Voices Showed Marked Ability to Handle Difficult Music

The first public recital by the Oratorio Society, Maryville's community singing club, last night at the First M. E. church afforded some surprises, all of them pleasing, and the members are to be congratulated on the success of their first effort. To give the highest meed of praise, that the program was without fault, that the singing was perfect, would not be fair to the new organization.

For the most part, the Oratorio Society is composed of untrained voices and to achieve perfection in the space of a few short weeks of practice, would be to expect the impossible. While last night's program as a whole was enjoyable, it served but to show what is possible to accomplish by concerted action, with, naturally, the rough places accentuated in a first appearance.

A few weak places that will certainly be strengthened as the organization continues its splendid work—and these are pointed out with a desire to afford honest criticism that will be of value—were naturally noticeable from the front. Chief among them was the lagging starts, the one thing that makes an ensemble number worth listening to. The attention of the members of the chorus was directed more to the score than to the director's baton, thereby losing the swing and accentuation that is always necessary.

A deeper study of the spirit of the numbers sung—an understanding of the author's theme—with a corresponding desire to impart it to the audience, would also be of great benefit. That this fact was appreciated was shown in the heavier numbers, while the lighter ones were not given the same consideration. These discrepancies will be largely overcome with a more evenly balanced chorus, the addition of more tenors and basses.

Conductor Marcus T. Nielsen has shown ability to train and develop a community chorus that should prove one of Maryville's biggest assets, and while his exertion with the baton, at times, seemed more than the occasion required, leading the audience to believe, perhaps that the chorus was not responding as they should, it should be remembered that a listless director means an indifferent chorus.

The solos, trios and quintette numbers were well chosen and well sung and an appreciative audience was not in the least inclined to be critical. It is to be hoped that the Oratorio Society will be augmented by twice the number of members it now has. Maryville likes the new singing club and expects the pleasure of frequent public entertainments of this nature.

The following are members of the Oratorio Society:

Sopranos — Katherine Abplanalp, Bertha Anderson, Carrie Margaret Baker, Ida Bosh, Crystell Craynor, Mrs. A. Carter, Mrs. E. M. Claypool, Mrs. L. Colvin, Mrs. L. G. Crossan, Eva Davis, Amye Ebersole, Orpha Faris, Mrs. F. French, Eula Godby, Maurine Kimberlin, Lavetta McClannahan, Thelma Morris, Mrs. F. P. Robinson, Hildred Shelton, Mrs. N. Sommerville, Helen Trullinger, Lucile Wiley, Mrs. F. W. White, Eathel Woods, Mrs. C. E. Wells, Cora Gehr, Mrs. W. W. Turner, Ilene Kemp.

Altos—Mrs. C. A. Bone, Edna Busby, Vera Braden, Nell Cranor, Eva Dawson, Julia Denny, Mrs. M. Grable, Mrs. F. Harvey, Dale Hulet, Ruby Irwin, Mrs. C. Jensen, Mrs. J. T. Pugh, Martha Koch, Neva Sage, Leona Willard.

Tenors—Emery Airy, E. M. Claypool, Rev. G. S. Cox, Herbert Pugh, William Nielsen.

Bassos—Rev. S. A. Coile, Marcus Grable, W. I. Lewis, Prof. W. J. Osburn, Neil Sommerville, Don Roberts, H. J. Becker.

Organ—Willetta Kittell.

Piano—Helen Johnson.

Director—Marcus T. Nielsen.

Dies of Scarlet Fever.

Stanley, the 2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Jackson of near Barnard died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon of scarlet fever. Funeral services were held at 1 o'clock this afternoon Burial was in the Centenary cemetery. at the Centenary church near Bolckow.

A MILLION FOR PRIZE FIGHT

If Jess Willard, Present World Champion, Returns to Ring, Red Cross Will Be Gainer

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—One million dollars for a twenty-five round championship fight between Jess Willard, present world champion, and Fred Fulton, was bid here today by Mat Hinkel of Cleveland.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Jess Willard admitted today that his contemplated return to the ring would net at least a million dollars for the Red Cross, the profits from a single fight.

The champion said he thought the proceeds from the movies of the bout —if they are allowed—would amount to that much, in fact, while the fight itself would draw one of the biggest "gates of all time."

Willard received a telegram today signed "The Chamber of Commerce of Sacramento, Calif.," inviting the champion to stage his bout in that city, offering two blocks of the capitol extension grounds for an arena and promising attendance of 80,000. It is intimated that the invitation may be supplemented by a personal invitation from Governor Stephens.

MANY VISIT POULTRY SHOW

Government Expert Will Be Here Saturday to Discuss Poultry Problems With Chicken Raisers

Judge J. H. Sayler, secretary of the Poultry Association, received a telegram this morning from R. L. Mason, government expert of Kansas City, saying he would arrive in Maryville, Saturday, December 22, when he will lecture to Maryville people on how to combat with the meat problem during the wa rby raising more fowls.

The lecture will be given in the Martin building at the corner of First and Main streets and every one is cordially invited to attend. No charges will be made to those wishing to attend the lecture.

A number of new exhibitors are showing birds this year. While the number of birds shown are not as great as last year, they are finer and better than have ever before been exhibited here.

ARRESTED ON THEFT CHARGE

Cliff White is Charged With Stealing Bridge Builder's Tools

Cliff White, who has been working o nthe W. T. Jackson farm near Ravenwood, was arrested late yesterday afternoon on a charge of stealing some bridge carpenter tools and other articles from Charles Hollensbe, who was building a bridge near by. The alleged offense took place at night and it is charged that the tools were found in the White home. He will be arraigned at the January term of circuit court.

New Suits Filed.

Ed Allen brought suit today against the Chicago & Great Western railway for $200, the petition claiming that sparks and fires from a railroad engine had set fire to and destroyed some timber and trees on the Allen farm. Cook & Cummins are the attorneys for the plaintiff.

Another suit filed today was by James L. McMullin against Levi Lyle and C. A. Lyle on a note.

Will Keep Mines Working.

Indianapolis, Dec. 19.—The United Mine Workers of America, in oredr to meet the unprecedented demand for coal, will keep the mines operating during the holidays, except on two days, Christmas and New Year's, according to a statement issued from headquarters here today.

Moved to California.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gray have recently moved from Waltman, Wyo., to Santa Barbara, Cal., where Mr. Gray has a position in a bank. Mrs. Gray was formerly Miss Nell Saunders of Maryville.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Craven and son Artie Craven and wife, of the Harmony church neighborhood, were city shoppers today.

ARMY PROBE BRINGS OUT REAL FACTS

SENATE COMMITTEE HEARS DAMAGING EVIDENCE FROM CORPORATION HEAD

TRAINING CAMPS, TOO COME IN FOR CENSURE

Surgeon General Gorgas Reports Conditions Overcrowded and Unsanitary — General Goethals Is Made Acting Quartermaster General

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The congressional inquiry into army war preparations has broadened with the senate military committee's decision to hear private manufacturers of ordnance and ammunition and to delve into the clothing, cantonment building, food and transportation situation Friday by examining Major General Sharpe, quartermaster general.

The most damaging evidence yet given of how the war department deliberately ignored the danger of war and flatly refused to take heed of the imperative necessity for machine guns was laid before the senate military affairs committee today by Louis Stoddard, of the Marlin rifle corporation.

Camps are Overcrowded.

Insufficient clothing, overcrowding and bad sanitary conditions are held largely responsible for disease epidemics at Camp Bowie, Tex.; Camp Funston, Kan.; Camp Doniphan, Ok., and Camp Sevier, S. C., by Surgeon General Gorgas in reports to Secretary Baker just made public as the result of his personal inspection of the camps.

With the exception of Funston, none of the camp base hospitals has been completed, General Gorgas says, and this is handicapping the medical officers in treating patients. He recommends the rushing of this work, particularly the installation of necessary plumbing.

Spread by Incoming Men.

General Gorgas points out that nearly all the disease is brought to the camps by incoming men and recommends the establishment of observation camps for all newcomers. To aid sanitary conditions he recommends that fifty square feet of floor space be furnished for each man at all camps. In some cases now only twenty feet is provided.

Secretary Baker today moved forward the organization of his newly created war council by relieving from their present duties three of the five officers assigned to that body.

Goethals to be Quartermaster.

Mr. Baker announced that Major General George W. Goethals had been recalled to active duty and would become acting quartermaster general, releasing Major General Sharpe for service with the council. Major General Weaver will be relieved by Brigadier General Barrette, who becomes acting chief of coast artillery, and Major General William Crozier by Brigadier General Charles Wheeler, who becomes acting chief of ordnance.

General Bliss, chief of staff, and Major General Crowder, the other officers of the council, will retain their present positions, the former as chief of staff and the latter as judge advocate general and provost marshal general.

A marriage license was issued today to Ray W. Adams and Ethel Marie Powers of Ravenwood.

THE WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

Tomorrow Night at Christian Church.

"KNIGHTS OF THE SQUARE TABLE"

The Big Feature Film for the Benefit of

the Boy Scouts

Time—7:45. Admission, under 12, 10c; over 12, 20c

The Scouts will also demonstrate some of their work.

Every parent should see this picture.

WANTED

TO HELP THE BOY SCOUTS.

Four Hundred and Two Suits to Clean and Press by Christmas.

Remember—Suits cleaned and pressed, only One Dollar—no pleats.

402—Phone—402 Quick 402.

And we will call for any one of the 402 Suits.

10 per cent goes to the Boy Scouts.

Becker Cleaning Company

Feature Tonight

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Triangle Film Co., with

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

the King of Comedians, in

His Picture in the Paper

A Story full of exciting and thrilling Comedy.

Tomorrow, "The Inner Shrine"

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MEMBER MISSOURI PRESS ASSOCIATION

Miss Velma Frost, teacher of the Xenia school, and her pupils will give a program Friday night at the school house, when they will organize a literary society. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

BIG GUNS TO FRANCE

HUGE COAST DEFENSE ARMOR TO BE SENT OVER-SEAS

TO SUPPORT U.S. FORCES

German War Fleet Is Held Close to Its Fortified Base and Coast Cities not Exposed to Attack

Washington, Dec. 19.—Huge coast guns now used in the various coast defenses of the United States are to be dismounted and sent to France to support the American expeditionary forces in the field.

This information is contained in the annual report of Major General E. M. Weaver, chief of coast artillery, made public this afternoon.

General Weaver points out that under existing conditions the German fleet is held closely to its fortified base and it may be assumed that the coast cities would not be exposed to an attack by capital ships. The only attack to be anticipated, he says, would be such as might be made by the small calibre guns of the submarines or stray raiders.

"Under this assumption," the report continues, "the personnel assigned as the manning body of the major calibre guns might well be considered available for service in France in manning railway artillery, heavy tractor artillery, trench mortars and the anti-aircraft guns."

It was pointed out further that it would be possible, without incurring any undue risk, to dismount a number of the major and intermediate guns of the coast fortifications and mount them on railway mounts or heavy motor trucks mount for use in France.

After due consideration by and the favorable action of the general staff, these views of the chief of coast artillery were approved, and as a consequence projects have been drawn up involving the use of a considerable number of officers and enlisted men of the coast artillery for service with artillery of this type in support of the expeditionary forces abroad.

The recommendations of the chief of coast artillery also involved projects for maintaining the instruction and training of a complete manning body for the home coast defenses, with the view to being able at any time to serve the coast armament, and in addition thereto to train, in so far as practicable, a personnel capable of filling vacancies due to casualties and other causes in the coast artillery personnel on duty in France.

The policy of the office has further contemplated that the coast artillery personnel of the fortifications of Panama, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands should not be drawn upon materially in carrying out the special projects referred to above.

Centenary News Items

Mrs. W. D. McDonald, Correspondent

The oyster supper which was to have been given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Nichols has been postponed indefinitely; als othe market which was to have been held at Maryville.

The children of Tarpley school are preparing a program to be given Friday afternoon, December 21. They will also have a Christmas tree. Chloa Hoshor is teacher.

The Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strader. Officers were re-installed for the coming year as follows: Mrs. W. D. McDonald, president; Mrs. J. W. Smith, vice president; Mrs. R. R. Strader, treasurer. One new member, Mrs. Arthur Collins, was added to the society. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Carl Turpin, January 3.

Centenary Sunday school will have a Christmas tree at the church, Monday night, December 24. The children will give a program. Sam McGinness and Jennings Reed were appointed to get the tree and E. M. Johnston to get the treat for the school.

Sallie McDonald returned from Manhattan, Kans., Wednesday, where she was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Roy Tatman.

Howard Johnston and Joe Carden shipped hogs from Quitman to St. Joseph Monday.

Mrs. Ed Johnston, Mrs. Ralph Strader, Mrs. Sam McGinness, Mrs. Howard Johnston, Ralph Strader and W. D. McDonald visited at Tarpley school Friday.

Mrs. M. Dewitt and daughter, Pauline, left the first of last week for Anaheim, Calif., called there by the serious illness of Mrs. Dewitt's mother.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

HOW TO MAKE CLAIMS

EXPERTS ADVISE REGISTRANTS WHO ANSWER QUESTIONS

CONSULT LEGAL BOARD

Local Advisory Committee Will Give Registrants Advice Concerning Their Right to Appeal

A person who does not claim deferred classification is to be put into Class I. It is therefore necessary to know how to make a claim if a registrant is entitled to it.

Claims are made at the time the questionnaire is returned to the local board. All claims are made at this time, whether it is a claim to be decided by the local board or by the district board.

It is possible that the same registrant may be entitled to make several claims; for instance, that he has a dependent wife and child; that he has dependent foster children, and that he is a skilled industrial laborer.

If he makes only the last claim and the district board allows it, he will be put in Class II. If he makes the second and the board allows it, he will be put in Class III. If he makes the first and it is allowed he will be put in Class IV. But if only one claim were made and it were denied, the registrant would be put in Class I. However, if all three claims are made and only one of them is sustained he would be entitled to deferred classification at least to Class II.

Therefore, the first lesson is that all claims to which the registrant honestly thinks he is entitled should be put forward at one and the same time. The actual making of a claim consists merely of making a cross mark opposite the class and opposite the grounds for claiming it, in a place for that purpose on the cover sheet of the questionnaire.

A Wife May Make Claim.

One important thing in connection with making claims is that any person can make a claim for exemption of which the registrant himself would be entitled to exemption if he should claim it. A wife may claim exemption for her husband whether the husband does or not. Children may claim exemption for their father, dependent parents for their son, dependent brothers and sisters for their drafted brother; an employer for his employee, or any stranger who believes or thinks a man should be exempted may make a claim for him.

In making claims, either by the registrant or any other person for him, it is vitally necessary to consult the advisory committee in the ward. Consult these men also about rights of appeal.

Any registrant may appeal from the decision of the local board to the district board, where a claim made has been denied. Hence, the necessity as urged above of making claims. This appeal may be taken within five days after the registrant has been notified of the action of the local board.

Decide Cases Within Four Days.

This notice will be mailed by the local board, but it will also be posted on the classification list in the office of the board. Failure to receive the mailed notice will not be sufficient excuse to extend time for appeal. Since the local board will try to decide all cases in four days after a questionnaire has been returned, the registrant should begin to look for some news, good dor bad, in about five days after he returns his questionnaire. If he doesn't receive it he ought to go to the office of the local board and look for it.

Any case decided in favor of the registrant may be appealed by the government appeal agent at any time. If even the government was improperly allowed he will promptly investigate, and if desired, may appeal to the district board. It is safe to say that all doubtful claims will be carefully investigated, either before or after decision by the local board.

The taking of an appeal is accomplished by marking a cross mark on the proper place on the questionnaire. Let us say again, and in the closing of this article: "Consult the local and legal advisory committee."

MISSOURI'S BIG WHEAT CROP

There Was Enough This Year to Give Every Man, Woman and Child in the State 7.76 Bushels

Jefferson City, Dec. 18.—Missouri's wheat yield of 1917 averages 15½ bushels an acre upon the 1,748,883 acres of land, according to figures made public by Jewell Mayes, secretary of the state board of agriculture.

Counting taxes and expenses of growing and harvesting the wheat at $15, farmers made an average net profit of $15 an acre.

If the wheat were divided equally among the men, women and children of Missouri each would receive 7.76 bushels, which is regarded as sufficient to supply wheat bread to the population of the state for one year when augmented by corn bread.

It is predicted that next years wheat crop will be greater than 1917 because the acreage was increased from 1,748,883 to 2, 749,770, or 1,006,887 acres.

Franklin county with 865,552 acres topped the list of wheat producing counties.

William Moss and daughter of near Ravenwood were in Maryville on business yesterday.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

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A Happy Christmas

You'll have a Happy Christmas this year and many more to come, if you get a new

THE MALLEABLE RANGE MADE IN SOUTH BEND

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—Skates —Sleds
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—Safety Razors —Pocket Knives
—Plated Ware —Percolators
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All kinds of household articles. Dozens of items too numerous to mention.

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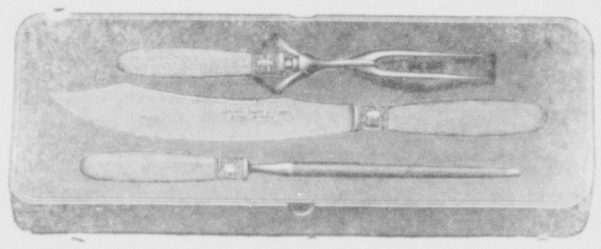

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NORTH SIDE HARDWARE MEN
THE STORE WITH RIGHT PRICES

WHICH FOR YOU?

In selecting a friend as executor of an estate, several important things must be considered.

He must be honest; he must give a bond; he must be a good business man; he must have time to take on another business; he must be a man of sound judgment.

He must be a success in his line; he must be available on every business day; he must not spend his winters in California and his summers in the mountains. He must not die.

Can you find such a man?

Let the Farmers Trust Co. act as your executor. It can furnish every one of the above requirements.

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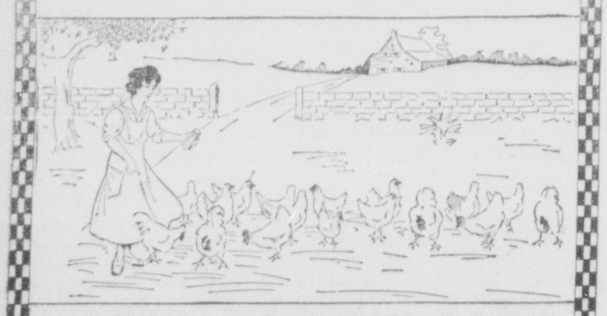

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Prevents Disease, Stimulates the Organs, Makes the Hen Productive and Makes the Young Chicks Grow like Weeds.

TRIAL PKG. 25c. LARGE 4 LB. PKG. 50c.

Try a Package To-day. We Guarantee Results.

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You may come in any evening this week and examine our stock of genuine

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We would rather give you any instrument in our stock than misrepresent it.

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WATCH YOUR EYE-SIGHT

EYES EXAMINED FREE

Our expert graduate Optometrist will diagnose your eye troubles and tell you what you need. The service is free at

KUCHS BROTHERS

222 N. Main Street

Give Flowers for Christmas

There is nothing so universally acceptable at Christmas as Beautiful Flowers. They hold all the more intimate sentiments of Yuletide and express the giver's personality as no other gift.

Fresh Cut Poinsettas, Roses of all kinds, Carnations, Lilies, Sweet Peas, Narcissus, Stevia, etc. Choice Potted Blooming Poinsettas, Cyclamen and Begonias, Foliages and Ferns.

Cut Flowers for Christmas are made up of any one of these flowers or a combination of several kinds into appropriate greens or Stevia in boxes from **$1.00 up to $3.00 and $5.00.** Greens is included with all orders of Cut Flowers and all Cut Flower orders for less than $1.00 are carefully put up in paper wrapper. If wanted boxed, add 5c to 10c for box. Blooming Plants run from the smaller 40c and 50c Poinsettas to the larger size Poinsettas, Clycamen and Begonias from $1.00 to $1.50 and $2.00 each. These prices include pot cover to match plants.

Wreaths of all kinds and selected Holly, Boxwood, Smilax, etc., for the Christmas decorations. If impossible to make personal selection, phone or write us and your order, whether large or small, will receive our usual prompt and careful attention in selection and as to your card, packing and delivery.

The Engelmann Greenhouses

Phones 17 1001 South Main Street.

The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph With a Soul"

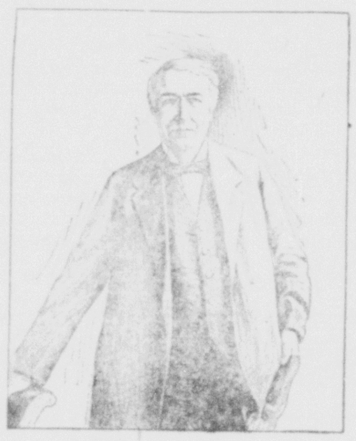
You have only a few days left in which to buy your New Edison for Christmas, and we urge you to make a selection at once. After January 1 this Phonograph will increase in price and it is to your interests to act NOW.

In the New Edison, you have a Phonograph which has never been excelled. It reproduces, it RE-CREATES the TONE of the artists. You have an opportunity to hear a concert daily in your home, a musical treat by the world's greatest artists. No Phonograph other than the Edison can reproduce the exact SOUND—Edison artists have proved this to more than 800,000 persons by singing in direct comparison with the phonograph.

The conveniences of owning an Edison are many. The Diamond Point never wears out. That means no needles to change. Edison records are made of the toughest materials. That means unbreakable records.

Don't be afraid to place your confidence in this Phonograph. It has the guarantee of Thomas A. Edison behind it, the man who holds more patents for inventions than any other person in the world. He spent more than four years perfecting the Phonograph; he is more proud of the result than of any of his other inventions.

Thomas A. Edison, the world's wizard, has been selected to serve on an important committee relative to passing on the worth-whileness of war inventions. Already he has been on the Navy Consulting Board and is himself working on a submarine destroyer invention.



THOMAS A. EDISON

He is a man that serves HUMANITY.

Make this an enjoyable Christmas by getting an Edison. An Edison will express the true Christmas spirit, for it gives real and lasting joy. Purchase the Edison for it is the Phonograph that you will eventually want.

Ask for a Demonstration.

No Needles to Change—Unbreakable Records.

Koch Pharmacy

North Side Square. Licensed Dealers

CONVICT LABOR FOR WAR GOODS

Senator Hoke Smith Proposes That the U. S. Follow the Example of Great Britain

Washington, Dec. 19.—Great Britain and Canada have already employed convict labor to manufacture war supplies. And now Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia proposes that the same thing be done in this country.

His idea is to equip federal prisons with necessary manufacturing machinery and utilize the prisoners to turn out the finished product. Other non-contract prisons may participate.

The introduction of the prison labor bill is the result of co-operation of the American Federation of Labor the Department of Labor, the Department of War and the National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor. "It," so a statement says, "marks the taking of a new trench in a fight against theexploitation of the prisoner and free labor, in addition to freeing his labor for war work."

At its last session congress appropriated money for shops at Atlanta Fort Leavenworth and McNeill Island penitentiaries. This development was approved by the officers of the American Federation of Labor, which is now pressing the nation-wide extension of the state-use system. If this is done the Federal government can increase the nation's productivity, economize for insufficient labor power and benefit the prisoner and the free working man.

The bill authorizes the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy to employ military prisoners in the manufacture of war supplies and in the construction of military roads. Army prisoners are already used on road work within national army cantonments. The bill would make possible their use on roads leading to the cantonments.

In many instances the lack of good road connections with the railroads and main highways makes transportation of food and supplies a matter of considerable difficulty in bad weather.

THE FLAG OF FREEDOM.

Song of the New Army of America.
(Air: John Brown's Body)

Come one and all who love their country and humanity,
Prove ye now if ye are worthy of a blood-bought liberty;
Do your bit with right good courage
'Neath the emblem of the free—
"The Red and White and Blue."

CHORUS—
Rally, rally, O ye true men!
Serve ye now your country gladly!
Rally 'neath the Flag of Freedom,
"The Red and White and Blue."

Cherish ye a place called home, and for loved ones security;
Yes, for parents, children, sisters, brothers, peace, prosperity;
O then be a brother to the suffering ones across the sea;
God's "truth is marching on."

CHORUS—
Rally, rally, O ye free men!
Serve ye with the colors gladly!
Rally 'neath the Flag of Freedom,
Our Red and White and Blue.

In the trenches, in the camps, at home, at factory, farm or mine;
Loyal millions—our new army—serve with purpose firm and fine;
In the name of world wide freedom,
O America 'tis thine
To save our liberty.

CHORUS—
Rally, rally, all ye people;
Serve ye now your country gladly;
Rally in the name of Freedom,
And save our liberty.

Loyal to the Red Cross, save the wounded heroes of the field;
Loyal to the emblem—golden grain and dear tri-colored shield;
"Not by might, but by my spirit,"
Sordid might to right shall yield;
Our God doth yet hold sway.

CHORUS—
O, that dear tri-colored emblem!
Blue unto the black shall never yield!
Rally 'neath the Flag of Freedom,
"The Red and White and Blue."

Give of time and strength and talent in the fight 'gainst tyranny;
Give our gold, yes, give our lives to serve or die as need may be;
O, that nation's gain their freedom
And we save our liberty
Our troops are pressing on!

CHORUS—
Rally, rally, all ye people;
Serve ye now your country gladly;
Rally in the name of Freedom,
And save our liberty.

—M. S. K.

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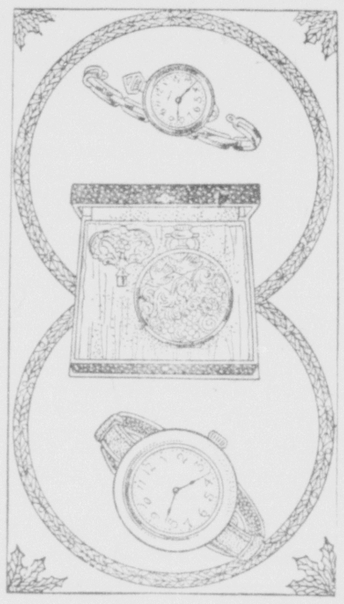
Give Jewelry—

A nice jewelry gift for Christmas will press the best spirit of friendship and love. Jewelry is durable and that makes the gift doubly appreciated.

You have only four more shopping days to Christmas.



Our stock of leather goods is unusually complete. Leather goods in—

—Purses —Card Cases
—Wallets —Collar Bags
—Necktie Cases, etc.

Why not a Thermos Bottle of Jug as a Gift?

Store open evenings until Christmas.

Kuchs Bros.

Books Jewelry Stationery

War-Savings Stamps

What They Are and Why You Should Buy Them

Q. What security is behind the war savings stamp?

A. The United States government promises to pay $5 for each stamp on January 1, 1923. This promise is backed by the faith and honor of the United States and by the taxing power of this country, which is the richest nation in the world.

Q. Why does the United States borrow this money?

A. To pay the expenses of the war.

Q. When I lend my money to the government, would it be safer to buy a government bond rather than these war savings stamps?

A. When a war savings stamp is attached to a war savings certificate it becomes a government obligation, with the same security as the Liberty bonds, now held by more than 10,000,000 Americans.

Q. Is the 4 per cen tinterest, compounded quarterly, on war savings certificates paid in the same way as the interest on Liberty bonds?

A. No. The Liberty bond interest is paid every six months, but the interest on the war savings certificate accumulates and is paid to you in one sum, on January 1, 1923.

Q. Why isn't the interest paid in the same manner on both war saving certificates and Liberty bonds?

A. It would be very complicated and expensive to pay interest every six months on $5 stamps and for that reason the United States government retains the interest until January 1, 1923, at which time it pays you the compound interest and principal, amounting to $5, the face value of the war savings stamp.

Q. Shall I sell Liberty bonds to buy war savings stamps?

A. No. The security behind Liberty bonds and war savings stamps is the same. Keep your Liberty bonds, but buy war savings stamps also.

Q. Is the money received from war savings stamps and thrift stamps used for the same purpose as the money received from Liberty bonds?

A. Yes.

Q. Should I take money out of the savings bank to buy war savings stamps?

A. No. You should save as much as you can every day and buy thrift stamps and war savings stamps with these savings.

Q. How can I convert these war savings certificates?

A. By act approved September 24, 1917.

Q. How large an amount of war savings certificates can be issued under the present law?

A. $2,000,000,000.

Mrs. Will Henley of St. Joseph, Mrs. Jones of Burlington Junction and Mr. Gardner of Nebraska were the only persons from a distance attending the funeral services of Mrs. N. N. Gardner at Parnell Saturday.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

DR. W. W. TURNER
OSTEOPATH
Treatment of bowel, liver and nervous diseases a specialty.
Office over Alderman-Yehle Store
Both Phones.

GASOLINE STOPPED THE GERMANS AT VERDUN

Auto Fuel Plays an Important and Varied Role in Time of War and Peace

"Gasoline stopped the enemy at Verdun," said Marshal Joffre, hero of the Marne.

The debt we owe gasoline does not stop there. It not only saved France at a time of mortal urgency, but it will finally win the war.

It is not alone in the voitures, trucks or flying machines, but also in the tractors on American farms.

Only by the use of up to date tractors can American agriculturists cope with the lack of labor and produce the bigger, better yields we demand of them.

America must feed the Allies. And she is working under terrific handicaps. Munition plants and factories have steadily drained labor from the fields. The draft has taken thousands more. Unskilled farm labor is in the first class draft.

Despite these disheartening facts, Uncle Sam's farmers must stimulate production as never before. No essential factor working toward this end can be neglected.

Machine must replace muscle. The farm tractor is the most effective weapon Uncle Sam can place in the hands of the agricultural army.

He should see to it that the road is cleared for manufacturers of these valuable implements. He should help them secure materials for turning out tractors in large quantities.

Uncle Sam must back up his fighters on the farm as well as on the firing line.

He has been forewarned. He must take pains to be forearmed.

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Attention

Road Drag Contractors

Any contractor who has dragged any portion of a county seat road must report the same on or before December 29, 1917, as our final report to the State Highway Board will be made at that date. Anyone neglecting to report on or before that date will lose his fees, for the state only pays for work reported by the County Highway Board and the state books are closed January 10, 1918.

GEORGE S. MILLER,
Chairman Highway Board.

Eyes Tested Free
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We Guarantee Satisfaction.

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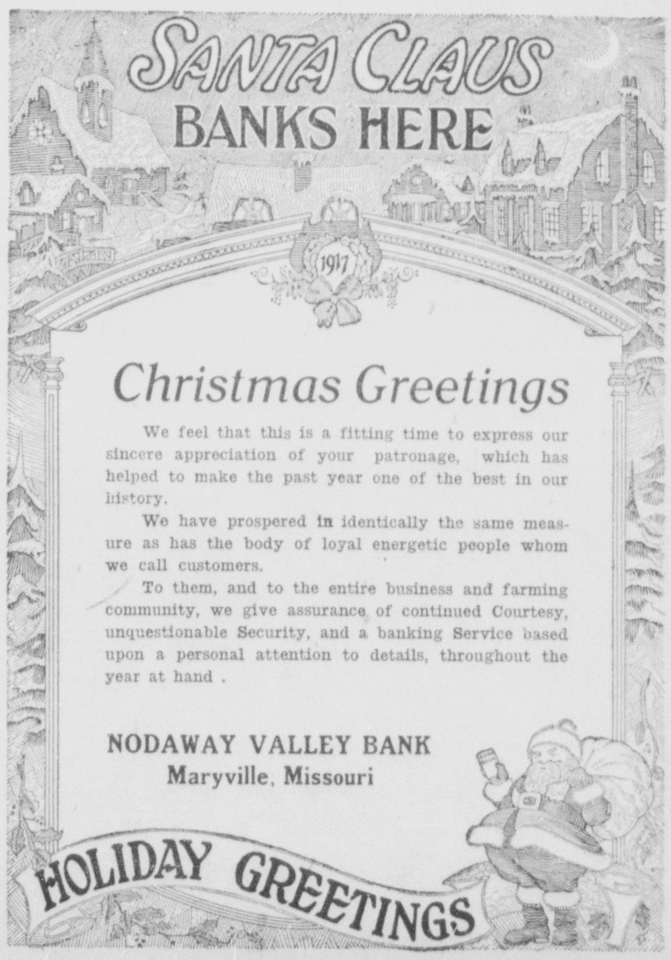
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BANKS HERE
1917
Christmas Greetings
We feel that this is a fitting time to express our sincere appreciation of your patronage, which has helped to make the past year one of the best in our history.
We have prospered in identically the same measure as has the body of loyal energetic people whom we call customers.
To them, and to the entire business and farming community, we give assurance of continued Courtesy, unquestionable Security, and a banking Service based upon a personal attention to details, throughout the year at hand .
NODAWAY VALLEY BANK
Maryville, Missouri
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Lightless Nights

The Fuel Administration's order for the lightless nights has not reached us but from the press we understand that on Sunday and Thursday nights all signs and all outside lights except necessary street lights are not to be turned on.

We will comply with this order on nights when the weather is not cold enough to compel us to use live steam on our heating system, as conservation of fuel is of prime importance. But when the weather is cold it is better conservation to turn on the lighting load, as it will increase our volume of exhaust steam, which is a saving of coal.

The top light on the "White Way" we consider necessary lighting and the lower lights, signs and outside store lights are all that will be effected.

Maryville Electric Light and Power Company
Empire Theatre Building
Maryville, Mo.

HOOVERIZING IN MISSOURI

The Editor Makes a Visit to His Country Friends and Is Surprised at the "Simple" Meals

The Missouri editor of the Kansas City Star spent the week end back in Smileyville and found that the country town people, too, are Hooverizing. The friends who entertained us warned us, he says, that they were living very frugally and proved the assertion at every meal. For example, for breakfast one morning we had nothing but cereal and real cream, home-made sausages, fried potato cakes, stewed fruit, hot biscuit, two kinds of preserves and coffee.

The menu for the next morning, as announced the night before, was "nothing but waffles," and that's all they had, with the exception of bacon and eggs and a few little side dishes. We horrified our hostess that morning by eating only twenty-nine waffles. Our allotment wa sthirty-seven, and she said it was unpatriotic not to clean the platter.

The other meals were more adequate than the breakfasts, but cut along the same simple lines. Once there was no meat on the table, only chickens, plural; and no bread—just biscuit. Two vegetable dishes, stewed apples, pickles, preserves, pie and coffee made up the rest of the simple meal. The portions were about three times the size of those customary in the city and second and third helpings were urged undeclinably, but there were no frills, no combination salads—nothing to eat, in fact, but food. The result was that we returned from our three-day visit with a gain of only seven ponds.

EASIER ON SANNA THIS YEAR

Childrens' Letters This Year Reflect the War Spirit—Many Are Willing to Hooverize on Presents

In more ways than one the war spirit is reflected in the childrens letters to Santa Claus this year. While a great number are asking for cannon and soldiers "to shoot the kaiser with," it is no less evident that the kids are going to be satisfied with less this Christmas than in former years. Many children who last year visited the toy shop and then went home and wrote Santa for the whole shop are letting their patron saint off this time with a pair of mittens and some candy.

Many little girls are willing to make the old doll do another year if a new dress is provided; others say they have made new dresses themselves and all they need now are doll buggies. If Mr. Hoover is disappointed at his failure to impress a few grownups with his doctrine, he will at least be glad to reflect that many children are willing to Hooverize on Christmas presents.

Christmas Rings for men, women and children at Holmes Jewelry Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Torey of near Pickering were in Maryville on business today.

White Pyralin Ivory in sets and single pieces at Holmes Jewelry Company.

K. OF C. IN WAR WORK

WORK OF THE ORDER IS APPRECIATED IN FRANCE

RAISE 3 MILLION FUND

Activities of Catholic Order Will Be Carried Forward On a Larger Scale Than Ever Before

That the Knights of Columbus, representing the Catholics of this country, have been recognized by the American military authorities in France as an official agency for welfare work among the soldiers of the American expeditionary force, is the word which has reached the Knights of Columbus committee on war activities at Washington, D. C., from Walter N. Kernan, Knights of Columbus commissioner abroad. Mr. Kernan's message was conveyed by cable and was necessarily brief, but it is an assurance that the delays which have impeded the progress of this work in France have been overcome and that from now on the Knights of Columbus activities abroad will be conducted on a scale even larger than that which has marked the social, recreational and religious work undertaken by the organization in the encampments and cantonments of this country.

The wonderful progress which the Knights of Columbus have made in their work among the soldiers and sailors stationed in the United States may be realized when it is taken into consideration that at present seventy-three recreation buildings have been erected and equipped in the various military and naval training camps. These buildings cost $584,000 to build, and equipment such as piano players, tables, furniture, chairs, graphophones and other fittings total more than $150,000. The salaries of the forty-five chaplains stationed in the American camps amount to about $60,000 a year, and the traveling expenses and salaries of the eight chaplains already in Europe will total about $30,000. Uniforms, transportation and salary of 160 secretaries adds $175,000 a year to the budget.

The number of chaplains and secretaries is necessarily being increased daily, and a very large number will be required for work in France. It is an undoubted fact that the French work, which is of more importance by far than that which is being done in this country, will also take a great deal more money. The field appears to be unlimited and calls are coming in from every direction, especially for more priests and facilities to enable Catholic soldiers to attend to their religious duties. The goal of $3,000,000 which has been set for by the present fund-raising campaign is extremely modest when it is taken into consideration the vast sums which other agencies are expending in this work Knights of Columbus have at their disposal. The undertaking is the greatest and worthiest ever assigned to the Catholics of this country and special efforts are being made in every state to secure its quota of the $3,000,000 fund in the shortest time possible.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Following is a list of the letters remaining unclaimed in the Maryville Mo., postoffice for the week endin, Wednesday, December 19, 1917.

Men.

Anderson, W. H.
Gat, Tommenich
Meyer, J. A.
Osborne, Claude
Peterson, W. O.

Women.

Berry, Miss Maggie
Brown, Mrs. Nettie
Brown, Mrs. Hattie
Dorman, Miss Vera
Hamilton, Mrs. Hazel
Moon, Mrs. B.

Persons calling for the above named letters will please say "advertised." Respectfully,
JAMES TODD, Postmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. James Craven of Pickering were in the city Wednesday.

In Memoriam.

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Anna A. Rifel, who died Monday, December 17:

Sad and sudden was the call
For our dear mother, loved by all.
We little thought that on that day
Our dear mother would be called away.
But through the years we journey
Our sorrow we shall wait,
In the hope that we shall meet her
As we enter through the gate.

—Sadly Missed by All.

We Suggest for a Pleasing Gift

PALMER'S GARDENGLO TOILET REQUISITES. This merchandise is most attractive in every way and will make a beautiful gift.

OUR STOCK INCLUDES

—Gardenglo Complexion Powder $1.50
—Gardenglo Vanity 50c
—Gardenglo Talcum 60c
—Gardenglo Toilet Water $1.25
—Gardenglo Extract $1.25
—Gardenglo Sachet $1.75

D. R. Eversole & Son

SNOW HALTS FIGHTING ARMY

Teutons Suffer Huge Losses in Trying to Break the Italian Line — Calm Along Eastern Front

London, Dec. 19.—The heralded offensive of the Germans on the western front has not yet commenced but lively operations of a minor nature are reported. A heavy snow fall in Northern France is impeding the movements.

The Austro-German forces continue to pound the Italian lines but succeeded only in making slight dents here and there. The Teutonic losses are enormous.

The advance of the British continues slowly but steadily north of Jerusalem.

Artillery duels are reported on the Macedonian front.

Calm prevails on the eastern front.

Mother would appreciate some Cut Glass this Christmas—Holmes Jewelry Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Sacramento, Calif., will arrive in Maryville in a few days to visit Mr. Miller's mother, Mrs. Miranda Miller, and his brother, Dr. Jesse Miller, and family.

A beautiful line of Christmas Cut Glass at Holmes Jewelry Company.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Anna A. Rifel.

Sons and Daughters.

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Hanamo 218.

Hurry

We Will be Glad to send your Parcel Post and Express Packages for you.

Farmers 97

Hurry

We Will Deliver all Your Purchases on Christmas Eve If You Wish.

Only 4 More Shopping Days Before Xmas

—Chafing Dishes
—Coffee Machines
—Toasters
—Electric Irons
—Salad Forks
—Bouillon Spoons
—Pie Knives
—Ice Tea Spoons
—Serving Trays
—Community Silverware
—1847 Rogers Silverware
—Casseroles
—Baking Dishes

—Covered Bakers
—Percolators
—Coffee Pots
—Tea Pots
—Razor Strops
—Thermos Bottles
—Thermos Cases
—Wear-Ever Aluminum
—Food Choppers
—Carving Sets
—Pocket Knives
—Scissor Sets
—Royal Rochester Ware

—Coaster Wagons
—Remington Auto-loading Shotguns
—Remington Repeating Shotguns
—Remington Auto-loading Rifles
—Rifles of all descriptions
—Air Rifles and Shot
—Flashlights
—Safety Razors
—Gillette Safety Razor Blades
—Shuredge Razors
—Keen Kutter Razors

—Ever-Ready Safety Razors
—Cole's Heaters
—Cole's Hot-Blast Ranges
—Copper Clad Malleable Ranges
—Cole's High Oven Ranges
—Majestic Ranges
—Sleds, Skates
—Lunch Boxes
—O-Cedar and Wizard Mops
—Barler Oil Heaters
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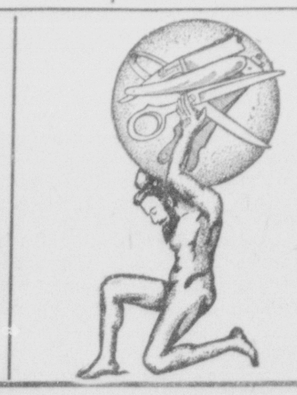
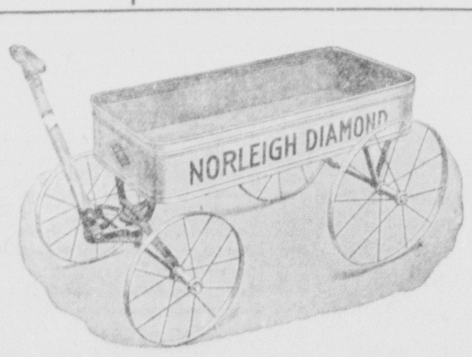
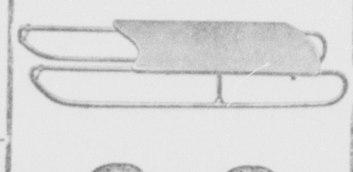
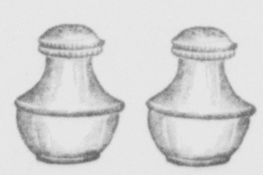
—Rullman Washers
—Athletic Goods









GARRETT HARDWARE COMPANY
England & Sawyer, Proprietors
South Side Square

Society and Clubland

BY MISS LUTA MOODY
Hanamo 42. Farmers 114

Will Hold Dance.

The Elks will hold their Christmas dance on Tuesday evening, December 25, at the club rooms. The hall will be brightly decorated with the Christmas colors.

Christmas Party.

The Normal faculty will entertain the student body with their annual Christmas party tomorrow night at the library which will be decorated with Christmas colors for the occasion.

For Mrs. Sanders and Daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Costello entertained at 6 o'clock dinner last night at their home on South Buchanan street in honor of Mrs. R. G. Sanders and daughter, Marion. Plates were laid for: Mrs. R. G. Sanders, Miss Marion, Byron and John Costello and the host and hostess.

Will Have Dinner Tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Yeo will entertain at 6 o'clock dinner tonight at their home on East Thompson street. Their guests will be: Mrs. Myrtle Buchanan of Kansas City, Miss Lang of Sioux Falls, S. D., Mrs. F. A. Yeo, Miss Addie Yeo and C. B. Yeo.

Bloomfields Entertain at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bloomfield of near Parnell entertained Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Bloomfield, who were married Wednesday, December 12. A delicious dinner was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Harve Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Porter of Guilford, Ellen, Goldia and Chalmer Miller, Blanche Bloomfield and Ralph Lewis.

Trullinger-Lawson.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Trullinger was the scene of a quiet wedding at 7 p. m., Saturday, December 15, when their daughter, Florence M., was united in marriage to Cecil Eugene Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawson. The Rev. C. R. Green of Harmony officiated. The bride's dress was of burgundy chiffon taffeta, trimmed in crystal beads. Following the ceremony a delightful two course luncheon was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Trullinger, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Haller and little son, Guy Reece, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Green, Blanche Bloomfield, Lora McDowell, Gladys Lawson, Mildred Trullinger, Leatha and Lucile Lawson, Ralph Lewis and Glenn Lawson

Gave Line Party.

Fred Smith entertained at a line party at the Empire theatre last evening for his son, Cecil R. Smith, private bugler for Company H, 64th Infantry, who is home on furlough from Fort Bliss, Texas. The guests were Mr. Smith's children, Walter, John, Leland and Emma, and his sister, Mrs. M. M. Fuquay, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Allen. Mr. Smith will return to Fort Bliss tomorrow evening or Friday morning unless his request for an extension of his furlough is granted.

Met With Mrs. Catterson.

The M. I. Circle met yesterday at the home of Mrs. Omer Catterson with seventeen members and one visitor, Mrs. Walter Buckland, of Springfield, Mass., present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. F. M. Martin. Devotions were led by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. C. B. Roberts, after which the meeting was turned over to Mrs. V. Halley, Mrs. J. E. Melvin and Mrs. James Ray, the committee in charge. A short program was given. Mrs. Buckland gave a reading and a number of Christmas selections were given on the victrola. The rest of the afternoon was spent in a social way. Light refreshments were served by the hostess.

Twelve o'Clock Dinner Today.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Swinford were host and hostess at a 12 o'clock dinner given today at their home on South Buchanan street. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson and two sons, Mrs. Will Froid of Washington, D. C., Mrs. H. J. Parrish and daughter, Mamie, Miss Irene Swinford and W. H. Swinford.

Entertained for Newlyweds.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lawson, who were recently married, were the honor guests at a dinner given Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawson. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Trullinger, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Haller and son, Guy Reece, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stafford, Rev. C. R. Green, Lora McDowell, Gladys Lawson, Mildred Trullinger, Charlotte Green, Lyrell Stafford, Mildred Stafford, Leatha and Lucile Lawson and Glenn Lawson.

Mrs. Yeo Hostess.

Mrs. F. A. Yeo was hostess at a 6 o'clock dinner given last night in honor of Mrs. Myrtle Buchanan of Kansas City and Miss Lang of Sioux Falls, S. D. Covers were laid for: Mrs. Buchanan, Miss Lang, C. B. Yeo, Miss Addie Yeo and the hostess.

Tourists Meeting.

The Tourist Department of the Twentieth Century Club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. D. Bellows. Eighteen members were present. The subject for the afternoon was "The Volga Basin." Mrs. A. W. Hoover read a paper on the Great River and Mrs. L. E. Dean talked on Nizhni Novgorod. Mrs. Dale Bellows read a paper which had been prepared by Mrs. Ed. Egley on Kasan. Papers were read by Mrs. John Gray and Mrs. Lincoln Bent, describing Tsoritsyn and Astrakan. A general discussion of Lord Lansdowne's famous letter together with current events followed. Mrs. C. C. Leeson was the critic for the afternoon and Mrs. Merrill Alderman was the leader.

Give Ivory Goods for Christmas — Holmes Jewelry Company.

NEW WAGE SCHEDULE READY

75,000 Firemen On All the Roads in the United States Will Be Affected — Ready for Endorsement

Chicago, Dec. 19.—An increase in wage schedule for seventy-five thousand firemen on all roads in the United States has been prepared by committees headed by President Carter and will be submitted to firemen for endorsement. The instructions submitted to the men with the wage scale state, "the vote is not on question of strike." The scale allows increases ranging from ten per cent for higher paid men to sixty per cent for those receiving $2.50 for eight hours.

Give Stationery for Christmas — Holmes Jewelry Company.

EXPECTS US TO BE BEST

General Pershing Sends Word That He Expects More of Missouri Troops Than Any Others

Camp Doniphan, Okla., Dec. 19.—General Pershing looks to the Missouri troops in the Thirty-fifth division for better spirit, training, appearance, snap and discipline than any other troops in America.

General Pershing sent back the following message by Major General William M. Wright, commanding the Thirty-fifth division.

"Tell them that I, a native Missourian, expect them to better troops than any other; that I expect better training, appearance, spirit, snap and discipline than any other troops in America. But if I find that they have failed to come up to my standards, strict diciplinary measures will be taken for those responsible without any hesitation on my part. That my ideas of this war are such that I have but one line to hew, and that is ruthless efficiency. No excuse for failure in this respect will be accepted."

NODAWAY'S WHEAT ACREAGE

Report of State Agriculture Board Shows 158,656 Acres, An Increase Over Fall of 1916

For the first time the state board of agriculture has been able to get figures showing the acreage of wheat planted in every county in the state for next year's crop. This shows an increase over last year of 1,000,667 acres. The total acreage for the present year's crop was 1,748,883. For the next year it stands at 2,749,770 acres.

The report shows that 158,656 acres of wheat were drilled in Nodaway county this fall, which is a large increase over the fall of 1916. Jewell Mayes, secretary of the board, says that while other states have for years been able to give estimates of the acreage of wheat planted one year for the next year's crop, it never happened before that these figures were available in Missouri.

Why not Cut Glass for Christmas? — Holmes Jewelry Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McKee and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shelton of near Ravenwood were in Maryville on business today.

Buy Them for Yourself. Buy Them for Christmas Giving

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Beautiful Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses

where liberal savings will be in order

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Priced at $5.00

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Careful planning for this sale months in advance has made possible this timely offering. Just a limited quantity to be sold at these prices.

Haines — The Only Spot Cash Dry Goods Store In Nodaway County — Haines

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WEST THIRD STREET, MARYVILLE, MO.

The Store of the Christmas Spirit

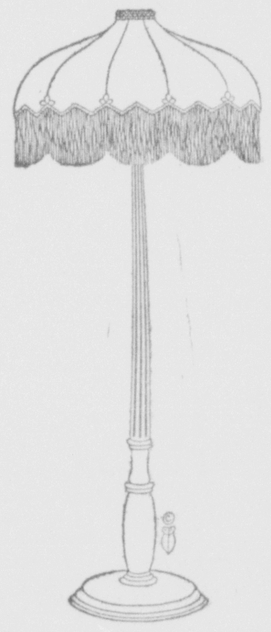
Christmas Gifts

HAVE YOU SELECTED ALL YOUR GIFTS? There are but four shopping days left before Christmas and the assortments will soon be broken. Don't wait until the last minute, but come now to the Christmas Store and let us solve your gift problems.

Leather Goods—

Leather covered and leatherette writing cases.....50c to $4.50
Traveling Sets, containing tooth brush, comb, hair brush, etc., at the set.....$2.50 to $7.50
Leather pocket card cases.....50c to $1.25
Manicure Sets in leather and leatherette cases..39c to $3.50
Military Brshes in leather cases.....$1.25 to $5.00
Leather handkerchief cases.....75c to $1.25
Collar Cases.....$1.00 to $2.50
Music Rolls.....$1.00 to $3.50
Traveling Slippers in leather cases.....$1.25
Leather Hand Bags..50c to $7.50
Traveling Bags..$2.00 to $10.00
Leather Boudoir Slippers.....$1.00 to $1.75

Christmas Gifts in The Millinery Department



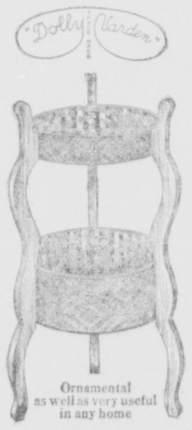
The Millinery Department has been converted into a real Christmas Section—it is simply overflowing with practical gift things. Be sure to visit this section.

ELECTRIC LAMPS—with hand painted shades, with silk shades, with cretonne shades and with colored glass shades. Some on mahogany stands and others have the metal. Priced at $3.50 to $12.50

CUT GLASS ELECTRIC LAMPS—Beautiful new shapes, at each $10 and $12.50

ELECTRIC CANDLE STICKS of mahogany with silk shades at each..$5.00

LARGE ELECTRIC FLOOR LAMPS — Mahogany pedestal, shades of silk finished cretonne with fringe, at each $15



BASKETABLE

CANDLE STICKS — Mahogany, hand painted and gold plated, big assortment, at each.....50c to $2.00
BUD VASES—Mahogany and hand painted, at each.....50c to $1.25
NUT BOWLS—Mahogany nut bowls with cracker and servers, at.....$1.25 to $3.50
ASH TRAYS AND SMOKING SETS with various pieces, at.....50c to $3.50
DRESDEN BASKETS—Waste paper and flower baskets, white and black with colored decorations, at each.....75c to $3.50
STATUARY—Fish bowls on statuary stands — very attractive types, at each..$4.00 and $5.00
POTTERY—Large assortment of new styles and shapes in pottery, at.....$1.50 to $8.50
DOLLY VARDEN SEWING BASKETS—Mounted on three wooden legs and having two containers, at.....$2.50
SWEET GRASS BASKETS—at....25c to $3.50
FRUIT BASKETS—Split bamboo, various shapes at each.....$1.50, $1.75 and $2.00
CHRISTMAS CARDS — Very extensive assortment to choose from at, each.....1c to 25c

Stork Department

In the west aisle we have a real Baby Goods Department. You will find collected here everything for baby's comfort and entertainment

Knitted Sets, Carriage Robes, Carriage Straps, Bootees, Shoes, Teething Beads and Rings, Wool Shirts and Bands, Stork Pants and Diapers, Celluloid Rattles, Toilet Sets, Chair Plates with Warmer, Hot Water Bottles, Record Books, Bath Sets, and all other items that are needed for Baby. Be sure to visit this department before Christmas.

This store will be open Friday, Saturday and Monday nights for the convenience of Christmas Shoppers.

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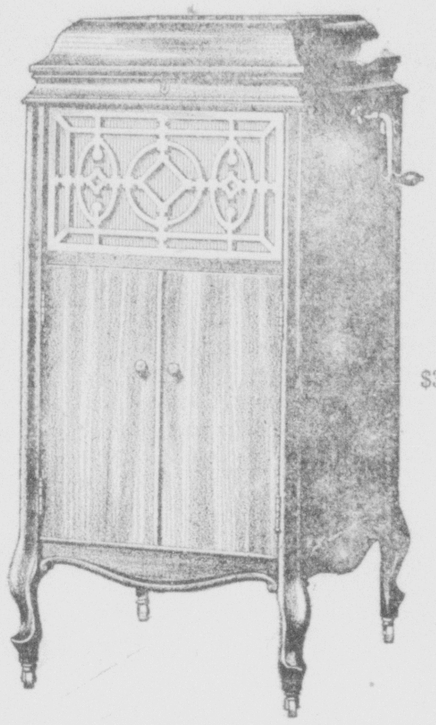
All Records



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Until The Brunswick came, music lovers bought phonographs because of one or two features. The line of records made by each concern influenced many. No phonograph offered a combination of advantages.

Then came The Brunswick. This is a combination of all the finer instruments. It has not merely one or two attractive features, but has them all combined in one instrument.

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We want to emphasize the fact, when we state that The Brunswick plays all records, that this includes Pathe Discs. Heretofore, few homes in America have had an opportunity to enjoy the Pathe selections. Yet the Pathe library is the largest musical collection the world has ever known. Some of the most famous singers, musicians, orchestras, bands and other musical organiations perform exclusively for Pathe.

With each Brunswick comes an instantly interchangeable reproducer, for Pathe Discs, so that now you may enjoy Pathe records.

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We are always glad to play The Brunswick for you and demonstrate its features. Come in any time for ten or fifteen minutes and ask us to play your favorite records, any make. After you know The Brunswick, then compare it to other instruments and decide for yourself, which you prefer.

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30 Shetland Ponies from the famous WOODLAWN HERD of Sterling, Ill.

HIGH CLASS REGISTERED STALLIONS, MARES and GELDINGS — Practically all of these ponies except the weanlings are broken to ride and drive (most mares are bred).

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VICK'S VAPORUB

A St. Joseph Bank Quits.

St. Joseph, Dec. 19.—The German-American National bank here is no more. The bank directors are patriotic. So they changed the name to the American National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gooden and Mrs. Del Beardsley of near Parnell were in Maryville on business yesterday.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

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—Wrist Watches
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We do artistic lettering for you, and of a form that corresponds to the shape of the article engraved.

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Buy your presents here. No charge for artistic engraving.

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Good Cheer For Christmas Day

Grapefruit
Roast Turkey, Bread Filling With Giblet Sauce
Celery
Cranberry Jelly
Brown Mashed Potatoes
Creamed Onions or Vegetable of Choice
Frozen Pudding, Hot Maple Sauce
Coffee

Roast Turkey, Bread Filling With Giblet Sauce.

Clean, draw and truss the turkey, fill with bread filling, sew up and place in roast pan in very hot oven until it is well seared. Dust with a tablespoonful of salt, one-quarter teaspoonful white pepper and baste with a cupful of water. Reduce the heat of the oven, in twenty minutes turn the turkey over and baste with cold water. You will have to baste the turkey two or three times. For a seven to nine-pound fowl allow one and three-quarters to two hours for roasting. After the turkey is seared turn it over on the breast; then the juice will go into the white meat and it will not be dry. Remove the turkey and make the gravy.

Filling for Turkey.

Four cupfuls stale bread, two tablespoonfuls drippings or butter, two tablespoonfuls finely cut onion, two tablespoonfuls chopped parsley, a tablespoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful pepper, one-half teaspoonful paprika. The liver and heart can be used to make a very good dressing by putting them through the meat chopper. Put the

drippings, onion, heart and liver in a pan over a slow fire and cook until the onion and liver are thoroughly cooked, but not brown; stir constantly. Add the bread, which has been pressed between the hands until all the water is out; then add the salt, pepper, paprika and parsley. Mix well together while it is on the stove. It must be cooked through before filling in the turkey.

Giblet Sauce.

Boil the gizzard, put through food chopper with the raw liver and heart, put into pan after removing the turkey and part of the drippings, add a tablespoonful finely cut onion. Fry until tender. Add enough water to make two cupfuls, add a tablespoonful flour, wet with a little cold water; a tablespoonful caramel and seasoning to taste; boil five minutes, add a tablespoonful chopped parsley.

Brown Mashed Potatoes.

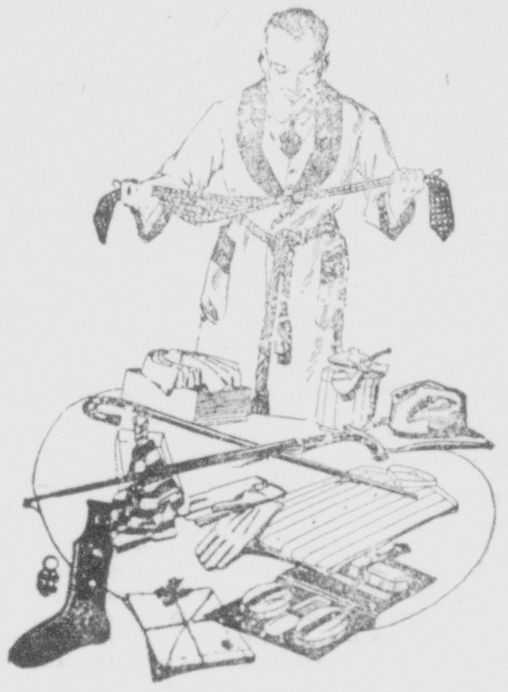
Wash and pare a quarter peck of even-sized potatoes, quarter and put on with enough boiling water to cover. Boil twenty to twenty-five minutes or until tender. Drain and mash, add a teaspoonful salt, one-eighth teaspoonful white pepper and one-quarter cupful of hot milk. Beat with wire spoon. Put into bake dish, rough the surface with a fork, add a teaspoonful of butter in small pieces over the top and bake ten minutes in hot oven or until the edges are brown.

Candy Baskets and Canes.

Place in a granite kettle two cupfuls of granulated sugar, half a cupful of glucose or corn sirup, half a cupful of water and one-fourth of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar. Boil all together to the crisp or crack stage (280 degrees) and after removing from the fire flavor with a few drops of oil of peppermint, wintergreen or sassafras. Divide the candy into two portions and color one with red vegetable coloring. Pull each part separately, then twist the red candy around the white until you have it in the form of a stick. Cut into sticks and form into canes or take slender strips of the red and white, braid and shape into baskets.

Fig and Nut Strips.

Chop a few figs and cook with a little water and sugar until reduced to a thick paste. Roll out a sheet of good fondant cream, sprinkle with chopped nut meats and spread with the fig paste, which should be cold. Cover with another sheet of the fondant, press lightly together, and when the fig paste is firm, in about twenty-four hours, cut into short strips.



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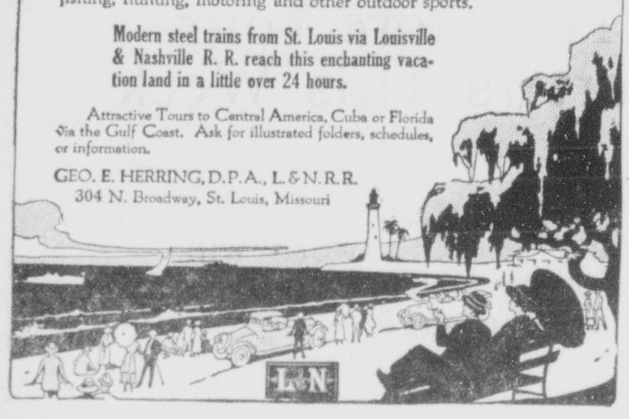
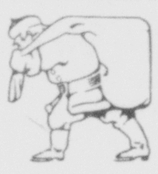


Letters to Santa Claus



Pickering, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I am going to write and tell you what I want for Christmas. But, first of all, I do not want you to forget the poor little girls and boys. But I want a ring, a locket, some candy and oranges.

Sincerely yours,
HELEN F. ULMER.

P. S. I want a new dress.

Pickering, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am writing this letter to you to tell you what I want for Christmas. But before I tell you what I want, please do not forget the poor boys and girls. I do not want a hair ribbon for Christmas, Santa Claus; I want a set of beauty pins, or a pencil box with pencils in it. I do not wish for anything else now. Santa, give every boy and girl in the world a gift.

Yours truly,
MARY EDITH SPANGLER.

P. S. I want a dress for Christmas.
M. E. S.

Pickering, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus.—Do not forget the little boys that have to go to bed crying because they would get nothing for Christmas. If you have any gifts left stop at my house and leave me a football, a rubber ball, a knife, nuts and some candy.

Yours truly,
JOHN GRAY.

Pickering, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I will write to you what I want for Christmas. But be sure and keep out enough for the poor boys and girls, because we can take something else and the poor boys and girls can not buy things. I would like to have some oranges, candy and a pair of shoes and some other things, but if you have not enough gifts I can do with out some things and you save them for the poor children.

Yours truly,
HAROLD HOUSTON.

Glendale school. Age 9.

Dear Santa:—I am a little girl four years old. I would like for you to bring me a big doll that goes to sleep and a go-cart for her, and I want some bedroom slippers. Don't forget the soldiers and little children who have no papas or mammas.

VIRGINIA LUCAS.

Pickering, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am sending this letter to you to tell you what I want. Please bring me a new dress and some bananas and candy, oranges and nuts. Do not forget the other little girls and boys. Yours truly,

ALTA ULMER.

Pickering, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl nine years old. I am in the fourth grade. Please bring me a pencil box and a lot of pencils. I want a ring, a pocket book, some candy and nuts. Please bring my brother and sister some good things, too.

Yours truly,
HAZEL SCOTT.

Quitman, Mo.

My Dear Santa Claus:—For Christmas I want a maroon sweater, size 12, and a good story book and a baby doll if you have it, and some candy and nuts. My brother wants a good story book, a mackinaw or an overcoat and some candy and nuts. We live on Sand Creek farm, ½ mile from the road. Your friends,

ROBERTA and BYRON YOUNG.
Route No. 1.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a sled with a guider, and I want some skates. Come down the east chimney because it has no fire in it.

BEATRICE BEHM.

P. S. Don't forget my fellow.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl seven years old. Please bring me a blackboard, a handkerchief box, a hair ribbon and ribbon box, a book and beads. I go to the Franklin school. Don't forget the little French children. Your friend,

ISABEL HAMLIN.

Quitman, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—For Christmas I want a good story book, a green sweater, size 14, a pair of blue house slippers, size 3, and anything nice you think I would need. Candy and nuts, too. I live a half mile west of the road on Sand Creek farm.

Yours truly,
HELEN YOUNG.

Route No. 1.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I am dropping you a letter to tell you what I want brothe rto have for Christmas. Bring brother some oranges and some soft candy he can eat. Bring some like papa got us at Townsend's; it's pretty good. You don't need to bring me anything for Christmas for mamma is going to get me a scarf set. Papa is going to get a goose. Goose is all right for me but brother can't eat goose because he has only four teeth. If it gets too muddy for your sleigh, get a jitney. Papa runs a jitney. He can bring you right to our house. Big sis went skating last night. She don't need anything. Brother is 9 months old. Yours truly,

OPAL TAYLOR.

Sensible Christmas Gift *for* Your Children.

Nowadays with reasons for conservation, there's double cause for you to think seriously of what constitutes the sensible Christmas present. Especially true is that when it comes to the problem of the kiddies. This year the youngsters can "do their bit" easiest by learning to save—to save the greatest of all the nation's resources—money.

You can start them right. Open a savings account for your boys and girls, tell them just what it means, show them how to keep the account growing and you will have given them a gift that the passing of years will only make the better. Yes, give them a bank account of their own. They will never forget it.

We are glad to serve the children. We try to make them feel right at home; encourage them to come here often, alone or with their parents. Start a savings account for sister and sonny—teach them the value of money—it's the best way, by far, to express the Christmas spirit of love and gift giving. We urge you to make this a merry, merry Christmas for the youngsters.

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Burt M. Rowley, Assistant Cashier.

Men Wanted

Over the age of eighteen, for street car conductors and motormen. Permanent positions with steady work to the right men. Physical examination necessary. Write or call in person within the next week. Employment Department, The Kansas City Railways Company, 1500 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

BATTLEFIELD AWASH WITH MUD

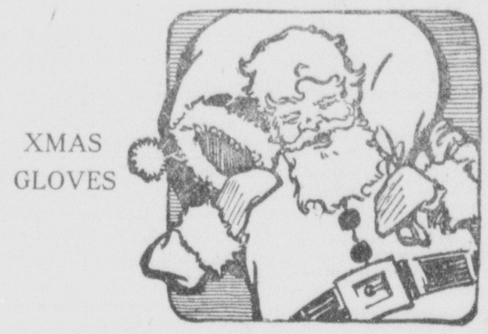
Imagine Standing All Day Working a Gun Thigh Deep in Water

(From the Westminster Gazette)

I take the following extract from a letter which I have recently received from the western front, showing the extraordinary conditions prevalent there:

"I cannot attempt to describe the conditions under which we are fighting. Anything that I could write about them would seem exaggerated, but would in reality be miles below the truth. The whole battlefield for miles is a congested mass of sodden, rain-filled shell holes, which are being added to every moment. The mud is not so much mud as fathomless, sticky morass. The shel lholes, where they do not actually merge into one another, are divided by only a few inches of glutinous mud. There is no cover and, of course, it is impossible to dig."

Imagine standing all day working a gun, thigh deep in water, with the chance of being killed any monemt; and then think of your own comfortable "cover" at home.



XMAS GLOVES XMAS Neckwear

Extraordinary Values

Don't Begin to Tell The Store of Our

Beautiful Shirts

Give Dad or Brother a Shirt for Christmas. My—but he'd like any one of our many, many attractive patterns. Large line of pure tub silk, fibre silk and madras, some with satin stripes—rich colors.

$1 to $5

Murphy Clothing Company

Give Something Electrical This Christmas

Consider This Christmas in a New Light

—*make your dollars do double duty in this Christmass gift giving.*

—Christmas 1917 must be a *sensible* Christmas.

—give useful—"usable"— practical presents—

—give gifts that will remind the recipient *daily* of their values--their *utility.*

—gifts that will please *every* member of the family—*every time* they are used—

—gifts that will *endure*—and in enduring render an everlasting satisfaction—Electrical gifts!

—here is a partial list. Use it. And make your selections now!

Be Practical---Give Something Electrical

ELECTRICAL GIFT HINTS FOR "HIM"

—Auto Foot Warmer
—Auto Heated-Grips
—Auto Horn
—Auto Search Light
—Battery Lantern
—Cigar Lighter
—Drink Mixer
—Fan
—Flash Light Cane
—Luminous Radiator
—Portable Floor Lamp
—Shaving Mirror

ELECTRICAL GIFT HINTS FOR "HER"

—Flat Iron
—Chafing Dish
—Floor Lamp
—Home Wired
—Percolator
—Portable Radiators
—Range
—Sewing Machine Motor
—Toaster
—Electrolier
—Vacuum Cleaner
—Washing Machine

Maryville Electric Light and Power Company

Empire Theatre Building *Hanamo 21* *Maryville, Missouri*

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

WANTS

THAT BRING RESULTS

RATES IN THIS COLUMN

Classified ads running three days or more will be inserted in this column for one-half cent per word each insertion. No ads taken for less than 25c for three days.

Ads running less than three days or interrupted insertions 1 cent per word each insertion.

Count the words; send money with the order. Ads should be in by twelve o'clock to insure insertion in this column same day.

These prices are for cash with order. An extra charge of five cents will be made on all want ads when cash does not accompany the order.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good list of prime real estate mortgage loans for disposal, in amounts to suit investors. See us for terms. Over Nodaway Valley Bank. The Sisson Loan & Title Co. 21tf

FOR SALE—Johnson Co. white seed corn in ear, (guaranteed to give satisfactory test, ready now. Call Farmers 41-15 or Hanamo 108. M. C. Thompson. 17tf

FOR SALE — 10,000 pounds pure home-made Christmas candy at 20c pound. New York Candy Kitchen. 17-19

FOR SALE—Pair of Mules, coming four years old, good ones. John B. Shinabargar, 8 miles southwest of Maryville. 17-19*

FOR SALE OR TRADE—I have 120 acre well improved farm in Nodaway county 4 miles of two good railroad towns, 13 miles from Maryville. 8-room house, good barn, plenty of water, well fenced. Will sell for cash; or will take good dwelling house in Maryville for part pay. J. J. Heifner, P. O. Box 262, Maryville, Mo. 17-22

FOR SALE—S. C. R. I. Red cockerels, $1.50 each if taken this week, extra nice. C. A. Farrens, Burlington Junction. Farmers phone. 17-19*

FOR SALE — Pure bred Barred Rock cockerels, well barred and good bone. Call Mrs. Helen Moore, Ravenwood, Mo. 13-19*

FOR SALE—A few barrels choice Jonathan apples, sold by the barrel only. J. W. Ray, Hanamo phone 5222. 15-tf

FOR SALE—A few Plymouth Rock roosters at $1.00. Call Mrs. T. T. Dickerson, Farmers 50-22. 19-21*

FOR SALE—Overland Six Roadster, nearly new and in good condition. Call and see car at Tilson's garage. 18-20

FOR SALE—Overland Limousine No. 83. Has just been put in first class condition. Would make an excellent car for a jitney. Will sell or trade for Ford touring car. Call and see car at Tilson's garage. 18-20

FOR SALE — Used upright piano, mahogany case, good as new. Bargain for some one. Landon Music Co. 19-26

FOR SALE—Smith Premier and Densmore typewriters, will trade either for a visible machine. Ed Godsey. 18-20*

FOR SALE—Two young red cows, just freshened; quiet and fair milkers; one has white faced bull calf, other no calf; $150 for both; will sell either. Elmer Fraser, both phones. 18-24

FOR SALE—1917 five passenger Ford in first class condition. McMurry's garage. 18-20

FOR SALE—Bedroom suite, 2 upholstered rockers, bed davenport. Mrs. J. H. Porter, 309 W. First. 18-20*

FOR SALE—About 1,500 bu. of oats. Roy Lippman, Hanamo 1L. 18-20

MISCELLANEOUS

BOX AND PIE SOCIAL at Hazel Grove school house, three miles southwest of Conception, Thursday night, December 20. Miss Bessie Shrock, teacher. Everyone cordially invited. 17-19*

PLUMBING—We make a specialty of installing modern plumbing in old houses and remodeling old plumbing; estimates free. Standard Plumbing Co., Hanamo 46.

NOTICE — I will be in Arkoe on December 20 from 11 a. m. till 5 p. m. to collect taxes for Grant township. G. A. SELL. 15-18

BOX SOCIAL Friday night, Dec. 21, at Peace and Harmony school. Program. Mrs. Dale McGinnis, teacher. 17-19*

NOTICE — To taxpayers of White Cloud township: I will be at Farmers & Citizens Bank, Barnard, on Tuesday and Saturday of this week and Monday and Saturday of next week; Arkoe on Wednesdays; at the county treasurer's office at Maryville on Thursday of each week. M. P. Ross, collector, Route 4, Maryville. 17--19*

BIG Shooting Match at A. J. Holt's on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20. We will have a beef, turkeys, geese, ducks, and chickens. At the Kelly place, ½ mile east Shell Grove school. Everybody invited. 17-19

WANTED

Telephone Operators

Alert, intelligent young women are wanted for telephone operators; paid while learning; excellent opportunity for advancement; good surroundings and working conditions. Apply first floor, 112 West Third Street.

Hanamo Telephone Co.

WANTED—Good news correspondent at Burlington Junction, Hopkins, Skidmore, Barnard and Ravenwood. For further information write or call at Democrat-Forum office, Maryville, Mo.

WANTED — Wood choppers, $1.25 and $1.50 per cord. Call A. B. Wells, Hanamo 552J. 17-22*

WANTED—General housework by experienced girl, town preferred. Inquire Democrat-Forum office. 17-19*

LOST

LOST—Suitcase, brown and empty between Mrs. W. R. Wells' home, S Main and 2 miles north of Maryville. Leave at Democrat-Forum office or phone 45. 17-19*

LOST—Tan purse containing small sum of money between shop and residence on Third St. Geo. Bramble. 19-21*

LOST — Straw book satchel containing High School books, fountain pen and wearing apparel. George Sorrie, phone 40KW. 17-19

LOST—Black fur muff last Thursdaynight, Return to Democrat-Forum office. 18-20

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — Front rooms over South Side bakery, formerly occupied by U. S. Recruiting Station. Inquire of Kate Schenck, Hanamo 683. 30tf.

FOR RENT—60 acres for cash rent, possession now. Call at this office or address owner, 712 W. 33rd St., Kansas City, Mo. 19-21

FOR RENT — Two nicely furnished adjoining rooms, bed room and sitting room, private entrance, in modern home, private family; good location, five minutes from square; good meals close. Address A, Democrat-Forum office.

MARKET REPORTS

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Grain Market Future

Kansas City, Dec. 19. — CORN—December $1.28, May $1.23.

Kansas City Live Stock

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—CATTLE—Receipts 14,000, steers $9.00@$14.50, cows $5.00@$11.50.

HOGS—Receipts 30,000, top $16.35, bulk $15.50@$16.20.

Chicago Live Stock

Chicago, Dec. 19. — CATTLE—Receipts 11,000, market steady.

HOGS—Receipts 15,000, market 20 higher, top $16.50.

St Joseph Live Stock

St. Joseph, Dec. 19.—CATTLE—Receipts 2,800, market steady.

HOGS—Receipts 6,000, market 10 higher, top $16.20.

Delmar Carmichael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carmichael of ickering left this morning to report for duty at Camp Funston, Kan., after a few days' furrough.

COSSACKS VS. BODSHEVIKI

Revolution Claimed by Lenine Government Appears to be in Full Swing Despite Claims

Stockholm, Dec. 19.—Following in the wake of the claim of the Bolsheviki government that the revolution of the Cossacks was collapsing, news was received here today of fierce fighting at Odessa, while the Cossacks are reported to be marchin gon Astrakhan and are reinforced by Uhranian troops. The Cossacks in southern Russia are waging determined war against the Bolsheviki. Furious street fighting broke out in Odessa today and both sides are contesting for the possession of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jackson of Ravenwood were in Maryville on business yesterday.

Dr. James Felix went to St. Joseph on business today.

Mrs. Ernest Gooden of Parnell was among the out of town people in Maryville yesterday.

Miss Jessie Clayton and Miss Verna Aley of Pickering were in Maryville on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ray of near Ravenwood were among the out of town people in Maryville today.

Clarence Merrigan and son, Roy, of Clyde were in Maryville on business yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wiley of Pickering left today to visit with relatives near Moberly.

Mrs. William Syomns is visiting with friends in Kansas City.

Ed Costello is in Quitman on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Donnell of Arkoe were in Maryville on business today.

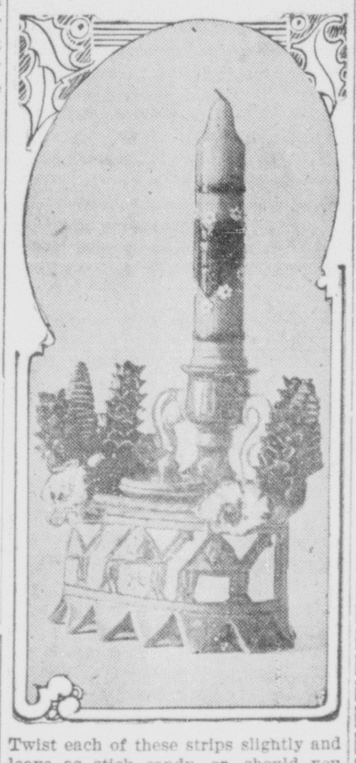
Oscar Klaas, Will Farnan and Tom Merrigan of Clyde, Rev. Father Berthold and Judge Scheiber of Conception were among the out of town people in Maryville today.

CHICHESTER S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-ches-ter's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Homemade Sweets for the Children This Year.

Barley Sugar Drops.—Ingredients: Half a pound of loaf sugar, a large teaspoonful of white of egg, half a teaspoonful of lemon juice, half a gill of water. Boil the sugar, water and egg until it thickens, then add the lemon juice. Bring to the boil again and cook quickly until the mixture begins to candy, then pour into a shallow buttered tin, and when cool cut into strips.



Twist each of these strips slightly and leave as stick candy, or, should you prefer it, cut the mixture into small squares when cool and pack in that shape like taffy drops.

Golden Sirup Taffy.—Ingredients: A pound of granulated sugar, a dessertspoonful of golden sirup, one-half pint of water, two ounces of butter, vanilla. Melt the sugar and water slowly and then add the sirup, stirring carefully all the time. When the whole has melted and is well blended add the butter, putting it in in small pieces, and bring to a boil. Boil until a little dropped into ice water becomes brittle, pour into a buttered tin, mark into squares when cool and leave to harden. This is particularly delicious taffy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kimmet of Ravenwood were in Maryville yesterday.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

The Ten Per Cent You Save Here This Week on Merchandise is a Big Saving on Your Christmas Gifts and Winter Needs.

Make This Store Your Headquarters This Week

Your dollars will go farther here than at other stores. A dollars worth will only cost you ninty cents at our store

Big Reductions on All Ready-to-Wear Goods

—CLOTH COATS ARE REDUCED ONE-THIRD.

—ALL DRESSES ARE REDUCED TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT.

—ALL SILK WAISTS ARE REDUCED.

—SILK HOSE AND GLOVES ARE REDUCED.

—SHEETINGS AND TUBINGS ARE REDUCED.

—SILKS BY YARD ARE GREATLY REDUCED.

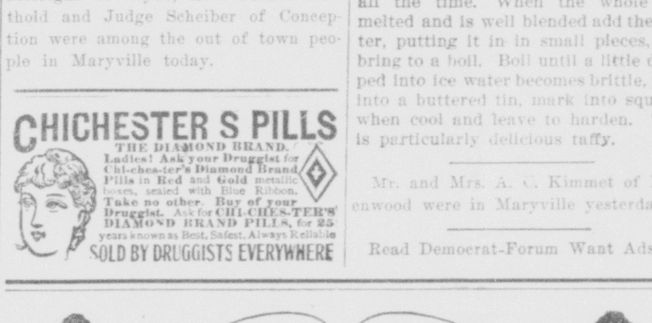
We know you do not want to go and pay other stores one dollar for what you can buy here for ninety cents.

D. R. Eversole & Son

USEFUL GIFTS

This year add to the comfort and beauty of your home.

A Gift of joy to the whole family



If your home needs a piece of furniture, or a bed room or dining room set—now is the time to get it and make your family a present of real and lasting value.

GIVE FURNITURE THIS YEAR.

Maryville Furniture Company

J. E. BAILEY Manager.

EMBALMING UNDERTAKING

THE SISSON LOAN & TITLE CO.

MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

Real Estate, Loans and Insurance

Counting Rooms Over Nodaway Valley Bank
Best Terms Ever Offered—See Us.

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

U. S. FLYING CORPS WILL BE READY FOR ACTION

LARGE SUMS EXPENDED

Chief Signal Officer's Report Shows Program Has Been Rushed — Details Are Secret, However

Washington, Dec. 19. — How many war planes has the United States now? How many will we have by spring?

For the answers to these questions many officials who have been kept in the dark on the plans for aerial warfare against Germany turned hopefully to the report of the Chief Signal Officer of the army, made public today, but were disappointed, for all such details are still a secret.

The curious, however, found some comfort in this statement:

"Conditions prohibit the publication of details showing the programme in personnel and material, but it is gratifying to be able to report that the corps is ahead of schedule in all its work."

The report recites that at the beginning of the Mexican trouble the Signal Corps found itself poorly equipped for the duties that fell upon it. Since that time, however, appropriations have been large.

"As a result of this action," the report says, "the Signal Corps had at its disposal at the outbreak of the present war, the nucleus of its war personnel and complete information as to the possibilities of the material market, and with the assistance of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the National Research Council, and the Council of National Defense, immediately acted to meet the emergency. Conditions made necessary a special air programme. Congress approved of the air programme and the bill was signed by the President July 24, 1917."

LEAVE SOON FOR ST. JOSEPH

Mrs. R. G. Sanders and Daughter, Marion, Will Go to Their Future Home

Mrs. R. G. Sanders and daughter, Marion, will leave soon to join Mr. Sanders in St. Joseph where they will make their future home. Mr. Sanders has been in St. Joseph since becoming connected with the John Britain wholesale house. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have been residents of Maryville for a number of years and will be missed by a large circle of friends.

CLASSES TO EXHIBIT WORK

Public Invited to See Display On Bulletin Boards at High School

The public is invited to inspect the work done by the various classes of grade pupils of the Washington school on Thursday afternoon. Large bulletin boards have been placed on the walls at various places along the halls and the best work of each class will be put on the boards for exhibition. The work done by the sewing class of the high school will also be on display tomorrow afternoon.

Big Fire at Erie, Pa.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 19.— Afire is sweeping the central business section of the city this afternoon and is far from being under control. Several firemen have been injured and the loss will be heavy.

Elgin, Waltham and Hamilton Watches at Holmes Jewelry Company.

If in need of suburban tracts, town property or close in farms, call on H. M Lincoln, Pickering. 18-20*

DRAFT BOARDS SWAMPED

Flood of Questionnaires Is Pouring Back Through the Mail — Lieut. McCord Now State Board Head

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 19.—A flood of questionnaires is pouring into the local draft boards throughout Missouri. Legal advisors of each draft headquarters have been besieged by drafted men for advice concerning the questionnaire.

According to reports here from local boards throughout the state, receipt of the first filled out and answered questionnaires from registrants indicate many will seek exemption on occupational grounds.

That many of these will be doomed to disappointment is the opinion of officials here. A man must be the necessary head of a necessary agricultural or business enterprise or in government service and he must furnish proof that there is not somebody else who can handle his job just as well if he is to be exempted.

Lieut. Col. J. H. McCord has been relieved of his duties of Adjutant General and has been designated as executor officer for the administration of the draft law for Missouri.

In his ne weapacity he will do draft wor kexclusively. He has previously had charge of the Home Guards and troops. Governor Gardner has just announced the change of his status in letters to the various district boards in the state.

Mrs. H. A. Byers left last night for Chicago, called there by the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. John Halley.

London, Dec. 19.—Spectacular fighting between British and German aviators marked last night's raid over London and the southeastern coast. One German machine was shot down.

Give a Fountain Pen for Christmas—Holmes Jewelry Company.